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**SPOKANE COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR HOMELESS  
AND INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRIAGE TEAM SERVICES  
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON  
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Cluster Group Affiliation**—To be determined

**Congressional Districts Served**—Washington 5th

**Purpose, Goals and Objectives**—“The purpose of SATTS is to abate chemical dependency among hard to reach, high intensity, chronic users of services.” Specific goals and objectives include: enlisting the participation of all Spokane County based providers; identifying, assessing, enrolling, and serving 72 hard to reach clients during the last nine months of year one; achieving a treatment completion rate that is higher than that of non client adults in similar substance abuse treatment at a statistically significant level; producing a lower rate of return to treatment than that of other client groups; producing a higher rate of client involvement in “healthy” lifestyle activities; identifying funds to support continuation of the project after federal funding; and, increasing by 10 percent the number of clients who complete publicly funded treatment (by the end of year three).

**Target Population/Geographic Service Area**—The SATTS target population is indigent, homeless chemically dependent adults (age 18 or older) among the 410,000 residents of Spokane County, Washington. “Other attributes of more than 50 percent of the target population include urgent medical needs, law enforcement issues, child abuse/neglect and domestic violence issues, unemployment, co-occurring disorders, transportation and child care issues, mental health issues, and other barriers to successful treatment.” Twenty-five percent of those served will be from racial minority groups.

**Theoretical Model**—The project will use a strengths-based (empowerment) team outreach approach to identifying, assessing, enrolling, and serving clients.

**Service Providers**—The expansion project (SATTS) will be sponsored and operated by the principal grantee, the Substance Misuse Services Division of the Spokane Regional Health District. Client treatment services will be provided by local substance abuse treatment providers, currently under contract to the Health District.

**Services Provided**—The expansion/enhancement project will offer outreach (identification and recruitment), strengths/needs assessment, guided referral, intensive case management, and follow up services for members of the target group.

**Number of Persons Served**—It is expected that the project “will serve 264 chemically dependent adults and 150 to 200 family members over the three year period.”

**Desired Project Outputs**—In addition to meeting the specific program and client outcomes goals stated above, it is anticipated that the project will demonstrate sufficient positive effect on the service delivery system at large to be continued after federal funding ends.

**Consumer Involvement**—Not described

## EVALUATION

**Strategy and Design**—Outcomes evaluation will use a control group and multiple, repeated measures to

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determine if project outcomes objectives are met. Project records, staff and Advisory Board interviews, and focus group results will be used to document implementation fidelity as compared to proposed time/event lines. Project staff expects to negotiate refinements of the evaluation plan with CSAT prior to implementation.

**Evaluation Goals/Desired Results**—The goals of evaluation are to document implementation fidelity (process evaluation) and program efficacy in relation to program goals stated above (outcomes evaluation). The project is committed to collecting and reporting GPRA data as required by CSAT.

**Evaluation Questions and Variables**—Evaluation questions and variables are derived directly from goals and objectives listed above.

**Instruments and Data Management**—The project evaluation will depend heavily on project records and service logs and on the Washington State Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research and Data Analysis unit. The grantee will contract with Inland Northwest Proposal Development to amass, store, and analyze process evaluation data.

**APPROVED FUNDING LEVEL**

01: \$500,000                      02: \_\_\_\_\_                      03: \_\_\_\_\_

**Funding Start Date:** 9/00

**Funding End Date:** 9/03